

Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

Serving the Communities of:

Auburn City
North Auburn
Newcastle
Penryn
Ophir
Bowman



Minutes

Date: March 15, 2019

Time: Called to order at 9:00 am

Location: City of Auburn, City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Room #10
Auburn CA. 95603

1. Call to Order:

Attendance: Kevin Hanley, Keri Askew Bailey, Daniel Berlant, Danielle Hardesty, Frank Udvarhely, Bob Snyder. Absent: Kathy Baxter, Jeff Milkes. Guests: Scott Bentley, Luana Dowling, Mary Eldridge, John Hutchings, Erich Moore, Michael O'Shea, Dave Spencer, Heidi Rietjens, Jane Wurst, Bard Ruud, Lauren Curtis, Marian Metson, Jim Suttle, Mark Dufault.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as amended to allow people affiliated with the company External Wildfire Defense System to make a short presentation.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The 2/15/19 minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment:

Several residents spoke against the proposed Hidden Falls Park expansion citing the fire danger.

5. Strategic Plan Implementation:

External Wildfire Defense System. The company representatives showed a 5-minute film and answer questions about the effectiveness and cost of the system that they sell.

Firewise Community Meeting in Newcastle. Frank and Kevin presented ideas on the format of the community meeting to be held at Newcastle Elementary School at 6:30PM on May 1. Discussion by GAAFSC members followed.

Auburn Community Service Day (May 11; 730AM to Noon). Fire Chief Spencer discussed the property that will be a part of this event as a volunteer fuel reduction project. GAAFSC members discussed encouraging volunteers to participate in the Community Service Day event.

6. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- CAL FIRE. Mary Eldridge discussed efforts by CalFire on educating residents about defensible space.
- Auburn Fire. Chief Spencer discussed the importance of Home Ignition evaluations for residents and that a AFD firefighter was undergoing training to develop some experience in this area.
- Placer County Fire Alliance. Luana discussed the County Sustainability Plan, the CWPP project and new Firewise Communities that have been formed.

7. Roundtable

– Daniel indicated a desire by GAAFSC to evaluate fire prevention related bills in the California Legislature at a future GAAFSC meeting. Danielle mentioned an upcoming meeting at the Horseshoe Bar/Penryn Municipal Advisory Committee and a discussion of fire prevention and response.

8. Adjourn:

1030 AM.